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Flames that Burned in Washington Long Ago.

A Veteran Recalls the Destruction of the War Department Building on November 8, 1860—Blaze in the Treasury in 1864—Precursory Measures of the Early Citizens.

The reunion of volunteer firemen at Richmond, Va., which, for several days, has made the crimson shirt a prominent feature in Washington streets, has resulted, among other things, in the old-time fire veterans' comparing notes as to "then and now."

Of course, the men of the hand engine acknowledge that there has been a vast deal of improvement in fire-fighting since their time, but then "those were great days," they say, and as they discuss to one another on their past achievements one might fancy that they almost wished that they had their antiquated apparatus at hand, and that a fire would break out somewhere just to show people what they could still do.

But, of course, the veteran knights of the red shirt content themselves with merely kindling old memories, and putting out in their minds' eye fires many years ago.

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AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT

Report of the Superintendent of the Bathing Beach.

The Total Number of Entries for the Year Was 51,575, and the Amount Received From the Rental of Bathing Suits and the Refreshment Stand Was \$854.02—Expenditures.

W. K. Stevens, Superintendent of the Bathing Beach, today submitted to the Commissioners his report of the operations of the Bathing Beach for the season of 1900. He says:

"The beach was opened to the public May 30 and was kept open until September 15, in all 110 days. The entries registered number 45,354 white males, and 460 colored, and 1,020 ladies, in all 51,575. The receipts from rental of bathing suits and the refreshment stand amount to \$854.02. The appropriation was \$2,000. For the first time in the history of the beach an itemized account has been kept by the superintendent of all expenditures and the sum falls a little short of the appropriation. The only current expenses from now to June 1, 1901, are the salaries of the superintendent and the waterman, which amount to \$400, to be paid out of the above named receipts. This will leave about \$360 to prepare for next season's opening, unless the committee on the bathing beach has expended money not reported to the superintendent."

"The sum of \$9.75 was received for entry fees to the swimming contest that closed the season, and was turned over to the chairman of a special committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The life to take charge of the contest. The life-saving service rescued thirty-nine persons and could not have been more efficient even though two lives were lost. The unfortunate ones were William Gaskins, who had resided with his parents at 2424 Rock Creek Road, and John Fitzgerald, of 560 Florida Avenue."

"Though there were hundreds in the water at each time, yet no one knew when either went down, and there was no call for help. It took about twenty minutes' hard diving to find the body of Gaskins after he was missed, but the body of Fitzgerald was recovered within six minutes after the guards knew he was missed and yet the only guard who was not on duty was the general location where each case was had with the present conveniences."

"The substitution of a reliable man in place of boys in charge of the dressing houses has greatly improved the service, and the general satisfaction. New locks should be provided for the ladies' rooms to bring them into keeping with the general system and relieve the ladies of the annoyance of unlocking doors. The towels and bathing suits are well preserved, but wear of the latter requires addition. Much of the plank walking is old and has given entire and should be repaired. Though a great many boys and some men have been sent out of the water for loud yelling and other misdemeanors, the order has been unusually good and no arrest has been made. Police Officer W. J. Kenney has been at the beach for over a year, and though disabled for general patrol duty, he has given entire satisfaction to myself and to the public, so far as I know."

"The bathhouse, from which small boats were rented to the beach, at which end of the beach, has been removed by order of court from the beach premises. It was kept in a manner greatly to the scandal of the beach, and as it was a nuisance to the constituted authorities to remove him, the matter was taken to the Police Court, with the above-stated result. I am very sorry that the place was not better kept, but there is considerable demand for row boats, and if some reliable person should apply to the Commissioners for a permit to rent boats from that place, it would meet with my approval as a public convenience."

"The greatest number of bathers entered at the beach at one season was 58,124 in 1898. Last year there was a falling off of 3,771, and this year there was the still greater falling off of 6,666 from the record of 1898. From this I hear people say, it seems that this falling off in the patronage of the beach may be attributed to a lack of confidence in the beach, and that the public mind has been engendered in the public mind from two causes. First, for the past three years some of the daily papers have recklessly published statements as to the bathing beach that did not take place there, and in any connection therewith. One paper has made two such statements this year. Secondly, the bathing beach has been the scene of a number of accidents, and they were highly appreciated as furnishing bathing room, though very limited in size, where the novice and the stranger would be unexpectedly, and their removal last season was much regretted. Yet, now have bathers become accustomed to present conditions I would not recommend rebuilding the baskets at this beach, but I cannot too forcibly express my regret that the bathing beach should be so much lessened in size, and that the inner basin should be immediately completed, whereby swimming will be furnished to all comers, where the novice and the stranger will be safe, because no one can get into deep water at any time without climbing over a wharf beyond which it is known to be deep. A telephone is being installed at the beach. The very long days required during the bathing season, and the incidental demands during the rest of the year, conspire to make the superintendent's time that is required for the regular hours of a year's service at the District office, and if the present system is to continue, his salary should be materially increased."

"In respect to current expenses, it seems proper that I should remind or inform the present Commissioners that the early struggle of the beach for existence there was no appropriation made for its maintenance for several years, and that during these years I carried it, at my own expense, with the aid of public donations. All this time I was looking forward to years when the popularity of the beach should be established and the income for rental of bathing suits, and would not only pay a fair salary, but would reimburse me for the past years of struggle and privation without cost to the District. The first year I was appointed covered expenses I had a balance of \$13 left for my year's salary. The next year it was \$60; the next \$150, and the next \$450. The present year the Commissioners appointed a committee to manage the beach. They established a fixed salary of \$600 for the superintendent and took the

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